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Executive Chamber,

Annapolis, Md., March 23rd, 1904.

Pursuant to adjournment the Board of Public Works met at noon on Wednesday, March 23rd, 1904, at the Executive Office. Present: Hon. Edwin Warfield, Governor of Maryland; Hon. Murray Vandiver, State Treasurer, and Hon. Gordon T. Atkinson, Comptroller of the Treasury. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Commander Howard of the State Fishery Force appeared before the Board to urge its endorsement of the Bill to provide rations for the officers and men on the steamers of the State Fishery Force. Dr. Atkinson thereupon offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Bill entitled, 'An Act to provide rations for the officers and crews of the State Fishery Force be approved by the Board of Public Works of Maryland, and that the same be recommended to the Finance Committee of the Senate" which was seconded by Mr. Vandiver and carried.

The Secretary read to the Board a letter from Mr. Alex. Cutino State Wharfinger, to the Governor, and the Governor's reply thereto, whereupon, Dr. Atkinson moved that the instructions of the Governor contained in his letter of March 16th, be confirmed; Seconded by Mr. Vandiver and carried.

On motion of Mr. Vandiver it was decided that the Attorney General prepare a Bill appropriating \$2,500 for repairs to the Wharf property occupied by Tobacco Warehouses No. 1 and No. 2, and for necessary furniture and fixtures to replace those destroyed by the fire, the amount to be taken from the Tobacco Warehouse Fund, which Fund has been increased by collections for insurance, so far, to the extent of \$17,000. Seconded by Dr. Atkinson and carried.

The Comptroller introduced the following order:

Ordered, that in view of the fact that Chap. 172 of the Acts of 1896, confers absolute power upon the Board of Public Works to sell, whenever they shall determine it for the best interest of the State, 600 shares of the Capital Stock of the Annapolis Water Company and deeming that the interest both of the State and said Water Company are amply protected by the Statute now in force, it is, therefore, the sense of this Board that any further legislation concerning this matter by the present Legislature is unwise.

Ordered, further, that in the opinion of this Board, the Bill

No. , now before the House of Delegates of the General Assembly proposing to restrict the power of the Stockholders and Directors of the Annapolis Water Company in issuing bonds to meet emergencies, &c., is unwise, which was seconded by Mr. Vandiver and carried.

The application of Gordon H. Claude for the position of President of the Annapolis Water Co. was received by the Board, and the President of the Board stated that Mr. Williams, the present occupant of that office, had also made application for the position, and that his retention had been urged by Dr. Wells and other citizens of Annapolis. Dr Atkinson offered the following:

Whereas, it appears from the Stock-books of the Annapolis Water Company that 429 shares of the stock of that Company are owned by private individuals, and whereas, the owners of 244 shares of these 429 have indicated their preference for the following gentlemen for President and Directors of said Company. For President. Harry J. Hopkins. For Directors. James M. Monroe, Edward Powers, Samuel Jones and William N. Woodward. Therefore by it,

Resolved, That Benjamin T. Crouse be and he is hereby authorized to vote the stock standing in the name of the State of Maryland in the Annapolis Water Company, at the stockholder's meeting to be held Monday, March 28th, 1904, for the persons named above. The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vandiver and carried.

Mr. Vandiver offered the following resolution:

Ordered, that the Attorney General be instructed to look into the titles to all property owned by the State of Maryland, and where the original deeds cannot be found or have been mislaid, he be authorized to get certified copies of the original deeds with abstracts of title; and that he deliver the same to the State Treasurer for safe keeping; and that the cost of the same be paid out of the contingent fund of this Board.

The Board directed Captain Howard, the Commander of the State Fishery Force, to secure bids for needed repairs to the steamer "McLane" and submit them to the President of the Board who will thereupon call a special meeting to consider the same.

On motion, the Board at 1:30, p. m. adjourned.

Oswald Tilghman, Secretary.

